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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : NIE-60, "Civil Defense in the USSR"

REFERENCE: Procedure for Reducing Intelligence Deficiencies
in NIE's, dated 3 June 1952.

The IAC representatives, on 9 July, held a post-mortem meeting on NIE-60, "Civil Defense in the USSR."

I. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

1. Apart from the production of NIE's, each of the IAC agencies, in assessing Soviet capabilities and as an indication of Soviet intentions, considers important the systematic acquisition and processing of information relevant to the Soviet civil defense effort.

2. Each agency now does some work in this field in conjunction with the discharge of its responsibilities but no agency attempts to cover the entire field.

3. NIE-60 is considered essentially a research report and, as such, subsequent publications of similar scope ought to be published in a reports series and ought not to carry the NIE label.

II. CONCLUSIONS

4. The subject of civil defense in the USSR is of sufficient importance to the preparation of future estimates on the Soviet Union to warrant action to insure systematic processing of relevant information.

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5. The preparation of contributions on civil defense aspects of subsequent NIE's covering Soviet capabilities and intentions would be facilitated if, in addition to the present individual agency efforts, there were established in the intelligence community a focal point for the purpose of keeping in touch with and coordinating as necessary the work of the intelligence community in this field.

III. RECOMMENDATION

6. That CIA/ORA be designated as the focal point within the intelligence community for the above purpose.



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